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SOURCE IDENTIFICATION )  
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RADIATION SPECTROSCOPY )

*PRELIMINARY RESPONSE*  
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION NO. 4

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
NEW APPLICATION  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2001, having a period for response set to expire on March 3, 2002. Accordingly, this amendment has been timely filed.

A continuation application filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) and 35 U.S.C. §120 accompanies this paper to continue the prosecution of this application.

The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

REMARKS

Status of Claims

In the Office Action, Claims 1-5, 7-14, 16- 64 and 66-68 were noted as pending in the application. Claims 3-5, 7, 14, 30, 31, 38, 45-48 and 54-68 were withdrawn from consideration due to non-election in response to a restriction requirement. Claims 1, 2, 8-13, 16, 29, 32-37, 39, 44, and 49-53 were rejected.

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